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To: The Attention of the Education Committee

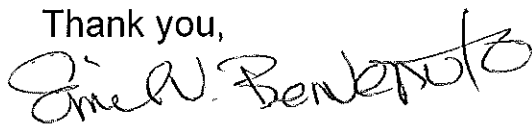
From: Emil V. Benvenuto

Regarding: Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7

Dear Committee,

I am the grandparent of a grandson with autism and a former State Legislator for the 136 District, State Senator, and former Deputy Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs. Please vote in favor of this bill, which is extremely important to the welfare of children with autism throughout the state, as well as a necessary protection for our local school districts. Every other professional discipline working with special education students have a minimum credential requirement. It is vitally important that this professional credential be recognized in keeping with the federal IDEA requirements.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emil V. Benvenuto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "E" and "B".

Emil V. Benvenuto